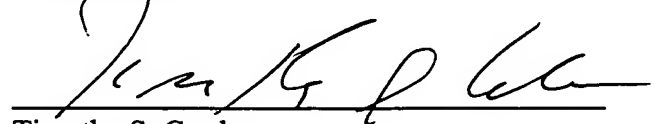


Remarks

The claims are now in condition for examination and allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions that would more quickly progress the claims to allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at 512.542.8446.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Timothy S. Corder', is written over a horizontal line.

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